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Claims 1, 2, 5-15, 17, 18, 20, 34-37, 46, 47, 50-52, 54, 56 and 59-82 were pending in the subject application for the final Office Action mailed on February 26, 2007. Claims 46, 47, 50, 51 and 76-82 have been withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1, 2, 5-11, 13-15, 17, 18, 20, 34-37, 52, 54, 56, 59, 61-64, 66-69 and 72-75 have been rejected on various grounds. Claims 12, 60, 65, 70 and 71 have been objected to, but have been indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

In the Advisory Action mailed May 29, 2007, the Applicant's response to the final Office Action was not entered because the amendments were not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal due to two informalities associated with reference to cancelled claim 58 in the remarks section of the Response and an informality associated with amended claim 70. The Applicant has addressed each of these informalities in the subject Response. In the Advisory Action mailed June 27, 2007, the Applicant's response to the final Office Action was not entered because the amendments were not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal and were asserted to raise new issues that would require further consideration or searching.

The Applicant has filed a Request for Continued Examination concurrently herewith. In view of the following amendments and remarks, reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are hereby requested.

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